



## RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE



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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1962



BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

FOR THE YEAR 1962

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1962

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December 1962.

The general health of the population remained most satisfactory.

Primary immunisation against diphtheria of children under five years again showed a small decrease and there was also a drop in the number of re-inforcing injections that were done.

The number of children vaccinated against smallpox in the first year fell to 361 (541). This represents 52.7% (82.7%) of the average number of children born 1962 - 1961. This decrease is rather surprising in view of the very considerable increase in primary vaccination and revaccination in other age groups which resulted from the smallpox outbreaks and sporadic cases in other parts of the country.

There was a natural increase of population (births minus deaths) of 352 (337) which suggests an influx of 438 (383) (equivalent to 130 families) from outside the District.

The number of applicants on the Council's housing list again increased to 597 (549). Of the total new houses built during the year only 26 (31) were constructed by the Council, the remaining 274 (167) being built by private enterprise.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work done by the Public Health Inspectors, the help given by Officers of other Departments and the assistance given by yourself, Mr. Chairman, and the members of the Health Committee.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C.H. PHILLIPS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
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Medical Officer of Health

## SECTION A

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	45,610	
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (Census 1951 - 28,172)		Mid 1962 - 36,040
Number of inhabited houses according to rate book		Mid 1961 - 35,250
		Mid 1947 - 25,230
		Mid 1937 - 19,620
		End of 1962 - 11,082
		End of 1961 - 10,939
		End of 1960 - 10,675
		End of 1959 - 10,344
		End of 1947 - 7,798
		End of 1937 - 6,645
Rateable Value, 31st March 1962 Sum represented by a Penny Rate at 31st March 1962	£422,674	
		£1,742. 19s. 9d.

#### Estimated

<u>POPULATION BY PARISHES</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1962</u>
Alvechurch	3,236	5,990
Belbroughton	2,676	2,740
Bentley Pauncefoot	344	350
Beoley	770	940
Clent	1,943	2,290
Cofton Hackett	3,736	5,000
Dodford-with-Grafton	513	670
Frankley	184	160
Hagley	2,233	3,760
Hunnington	543	630
Romsley	1,070	1,560
Stoke Prior	2,130	2,540
Tutnall and Cobley	697	860
Wythall	4,482	8,550
	=====	=====
	24,557	36,040
	=====	=====

VITAL STATISTICS  
(1961 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.		F.		Total
Legitimate	371	(346)	312	(290)	683 (636)
Illegitimate	15	(11)	14	(12)	29 (25)
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	386	(357)	326	(302)	712 (659)
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Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1962 - Eng.Wales</u>
Crude	19.75	18.69	18.82	18.08	14.1	18.0 (17.4)
Comparability						
Factor	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.98		
Standardised	19.15	18.31	18.44	17.71		

Illegitimacy Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total live births)

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>
	4.07	3.49	3.38	2.76	3.20

STILL BIRTHS

	M.		F.		Total
Legitimate	3		7		10 (9)
Illegitimate	2		-		2 (1)
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	5		7		12 (10)
	<hr/>		<hr/>		<hr/>

Still birth rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births).

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1962 - Eng.&amp;Wales</u>
	16.5	14.9	35.6	22.3	38.1	18.1 (18.7)

DEATHS

M.

F.

Total

178 (173) 182 (149) 360 (322)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population)

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1962 - Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	9.98	9.13	9.03	9.28	11.1	11.9 (12.0)
Comparability	1.24	1.19	1.21	1.21		
Factor						
Standardised	12.37	10.86	10.92	11.22		

Major Causes of Death (Percentages of total deaths)

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	50.5%	49.0%	51.6%	50.16%
2. Malignant Diseases	17.2%	20.5%	18.2%	25.08%
3. Respiratory Diseases	11.7%	12.4%	11.5%	13.01%
(excluding T.B.)				
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	3.9%	4.6%	6.6%	2.54%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1962 - Eng. &amp; Wales</u>
NIL	1.47	1.48	NIL	NIL	0.35 (0.33)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant deaths (under 1 year of age).

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	12	2	14 (11)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	—	—	—
	12	2	14 (11)
	—	—	—

Neonatal Deaths (under 4 weeks of age).

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	10	1	11 (9)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	—	—	—
	10	1	11 (9)
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	8	1	9 (7)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
	—	—	—
	8	1	9 (7)
	—	—	—

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1962 Eng. & Wales
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	20.49	17.29	19.18	13.40	-
Deaths of Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	-	-	45.45	-	-
Deaths of infants under 4 wks of age per 1,000 total live births	15.45	13.65	12.30	13.03	15.1
Deaths of infants under 1 yr of age per 1,000 total live births	19.66	16.69	20.00	13.03	20.7
Still births & deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live & still births	29.00	25.41			

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	7
Prematurity	5
Respiratory Disease	-
Diseases peculiar to the newborn	-
Other Causes	2

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT

1962

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1	-	1	.03
2. Tuberculosis other	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	3	3	.08
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1	3	.08
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	-	8	.22
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	9	10	.27
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	6	6	.16
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	19	35	.97
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	2	2	.05
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous System	25	30	55	1.52
18. Coronary disease, angina	39	22	61	1.69
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	6	7	.19
20. Other heart disease	22	24	46	1.27
21. Other circulatory disease	7	6	13	.36
22. Influenza	5	5	10	.27
23. Pneumonia	7	10	17	.47
24. Bronchitis	15	19	24	.66
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1	1	.03
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	5	8	.22
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3	.08
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1	.03
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3	.08
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	7	1	8	.22
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	12	21	.58
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	4	.11
34. All other accidents	1	6	7	.19
35. Suicide	2	1	3	.08
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>12.37</b>

## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the antenatal, child welfare, school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of disease.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the services managed by the W.V.S., the British Red Cross continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help.

#### (a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculosis	Knightwick Sanatorium Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Disease	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

#### (b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Chemical analysis of water and miscellaneous specimens was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. I am indebted to the Directors of those laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

(c) Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council and the Rural District is served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

The whole supply of main water in the District is now the responsibility of various statutory water undertakings, the supply to Adams Hill, Clent being taken over by the Stourbridge and District Water Board on 1st April.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, many dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These well supplies were to a large extent unsatisfactory, and householders were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells and springs for bacteriological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor; 60% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 13% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings, but consumer samples were taken from time to time in the District. All were satisfactory.

During the year the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department	402 yards
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	14,454 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	789 yards
Stourbridge and District Water Board	3,097 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes for water main extensions:-

## Alvechurch

Beoley

Bransons Cross and ) Completed during year.  
Gorcott Hill Area. )  
Portway/Whitepits Lane )  
Area. )

Job Hill/Lilley Green Area East Worcestershire Waterworks Company requested to prepare scheme.

Client

Walton Pool and Vine Lane Work in progress at end of year.

Clent & Romsley

Rumbow Work in progress.

Dodford

Widderminster Road to  
Woodcote Green Completed.

Additional extension at  
Woodcote Green  
Guarantee agreement to be entered  
into with East Worcestershire  
Waterworks Company.

Stoke Prior

Finch End & Finstall Park      In abeyance.  
Farm

### 3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage Disposal works situated in the District:-

Alvechurch	Lye Bridge
Clent	Hossill Lane
	Horse Pasture - Land Irrigation
Belbroughton	Weybridge

Hagley  
Hunnington  
Stoke Prior  
Wythall

Sweetpool Lane  
Illey Lane  
Finstall - Pumping Station to Bromsgrove  
U.D.C.  
Houndsfield Lane.

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Lye Bridge Works

Negotiations in hand for purchase of additional land. Detailed proposals submitted to Ministry.

Bittell Road Area  
(Duplication)  
Alvechurch Village Area

Tenders invited.

Approved by Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Belbroughton

Fairfield

Approved in principle by Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Invitation of tenders delayed pending extension of Disposal Works in Urban District.

Stoneybridge Extension Approved as extension to Fairfield scheme. Details to be prepared.

Beoley

Holt End

Consulting Engineer prepared scheme for submission to Ministry when negotiations for purchase of land are completed.

Hunnington

Illey Lane Works  
reconstruction etc.

Scheme prepared and awaiting submission to Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Held pending decision concerning sewage from Frankley service area on M5 Motorway.

Stoke Prior

Menbrook Works  
Extension

Scheme prepared and awaiting submission to Ministry of Housing and Local Government, subject to discharge consents Confirmatory conveyance in course of execution to define boundaries of land required.

Inkford & Tanners Green.)  
Shawbrook Area. )  
Houndsfield Lane. )  
Works reconstruction; )  
Sewering part Station )  
Rd. & Part Alcester Road )  
Merton Lane

Now the future of Wythall Parish with regard to Green Belt and Local Government Boundaries is known there appears no reason why these schemes should not be proceeded with.

Sewering this area will need to await final settlement of boundaries.

#### Pail Emptying

The pail emptying service was continued at fortnightly intervals in Stoke Prior and in a portion of Wythall Parish.

A total of 110 households were served.

#### 4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department. Domestic refuse is collected fortnightly and cesspools are emptied quarterly free of charge.

### SECTION D

#### HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Section A of this report the population of the district was increased by 790. At the end of the year there were 597 applicants on the Council's housing list compared with 549 at the end of 1961.

Only 26 council houses were built during the year while 274 were built by private enterprise.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

### SECTION E

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year, and every effort was made to ensure the clean and safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's Report.

#### Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

## SECTION F

### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

#### Notifiable Diseases 1962

DISEASE	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	12
Measles	74
Whooping Cough	9
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid	-
Dysentery	22
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	-
Acute Pneumonia	9
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	-
TOTAL	127

### Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

#### Primary Immunisation

Under 5 years old	503	(548)
5 - 14 years old	8	(16)
	511	(564)

Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	510	(756)
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### Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons vaccinated (or revaccinated) during 1962:

Age at 31.12.62. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1962	1 1961	2-4 1958-1960	5-14 1948-1957	15 and over 1947	Total
Number Vaccinated	361	122	199	565	1,123	2,370
Number Revaccinated	-	10	148	950	3,040	4,148

The number of infants under 1 year who were vaccinated showed an appreciable decrease over the previous year. The figure of 361 was 52.7% of the average number of babies born in the two years 1962 - 1961.

### Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.62.

0-4 years	5 - 14 years	Total
486	15	501

TuberculosisIncidence and Mortality during 1962.

AGE	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	-

The District Health Department maintains a list of individuals resident within the district notified as suffering from Tuberculosis. This was kept up to date by information received from the County Medical Officer of Health.

Three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 167 (170) as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	76	78	154
Non-Pulmonary	7	6	13
	83	84	167

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1962

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1962 and would comment briefly on some public health aspects of the year.

Improvement Grants During the year the Council agreed to the giving of the maximum grant on application for Discretionary Grants. 8 applications were approved and work at 22 houses was completed, bringing the total of houses improved by this scheme to 286.

Twenty eight Standard Grants were approved and work was completed at 16 houses, bringing the total under this scheme to 62. This makes a grand total of 348 houses improved by help of grant in the District.

Water Supply Water main extensions were completed during the year at Beoley in the Bransons Cross, Gorcott Hill and Portway areas and also at Woodcote, Dodford. A start was made on connecting houses thereto and 52 existing houses were connected to the mains during the year.

Mains were also laid in connection with the Walton Pool, Vine Lane and Rumbow schemes, but these were not available for connection by the end of the year.

Meat and other foods Work of improvement to the five slaughter-houses was carried out and the Construction Regulations were brought into operation as from 1st April.

Routine visits were paid to food shops etc. and a good standard is maintained generally.

Drainage Although it was not possible to make a start on any of the proposed sewage disposal schemes listed, the Council did however approve an extension of the Fairfield scheme to take in the Council houses at Stoneybridge where the present disposal is unsatisfactory.

The routine work of inspection, investigation of complaints etc. has continued normally throughout the year.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their help and interest in the work of the Department.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS

Chief Public Health Inspector

## COMPLAINTS

A total of 121 complaints were received during the year 1962, all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses inspected	965
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	2268
Inspections under Housing Regulations	-
Visits re complaints and nuisances	123
Visits re Meat Inspection	624
Visits re Notifiable Disease	54
Milk and Dairies	12
Butcheries	83
Schools	8
Factories and Workshops	41
Outworkers' Premises	-
Cabins, Vans and Sheds	399
Water Supply	154
Works in Progress	449
Drainage	455
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	7
Visits to Shops and Food Premises	425
Rodent Control	100
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	546
Verminous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	298
Total number of informal Notices served during the year	72

## HOUSING

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	965
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	2268
(ii) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	-
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	-
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	9

(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	34
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:-	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	64
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
A.	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	-
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners	-
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	-
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	3
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners	5
	(b) By Local Authorities in default of owners	-
C.	Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:-	
(i)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
(ii)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in anticipation of Demolition Orders	8
(iii)	Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16	-
(iv)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-

## General - Housing

Only one Demolition Order was made during the year. In addition eight sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of informal action.

Sixty-four houses were repaired as a result of informal action.

## Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved during the year for 8 houses.

Work was completed at 22 houses and grants totalling £5,555 were certified for payment.

## Standard Grants

Twenty-eight applications were approved and one was still under consideration at the end of the year. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £2,038.8s. were issued in respect of 16 houses.

A start was made during the year on a Parish by Parish survey of houses suitable for improvement and letters were sent to owners of suitable premises giving details of grants available.

## Rent Act 1957

Only 3 applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year, and in 2 cases certificates were issued; an undertaking being given in the third case.

## MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The total number of moveable dwellings in permanent occupation throughout the District was over 500, mainly modern trailer caravans.

The demand for this type of accommodation arose mainly from persons not previously resident in the District.

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### (a) Milk

As the District was in a "Specified Area" all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations, and consequently no samples of non designated milk were taken. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled.

( ) Meat and Other Foods

There were five licensed slaughterhouses in the District, all animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and evening.

Slaughterhouse Report

The date on which the Construction Regulations became operative in this District was 1st April 1962.

Following is a summary of the inspections and condemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	516	14	56	3254	348
Number inspected	516	14	56	3254	348
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	22	-	-	2	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	4.26%	-	1.78%	.06%	1.43%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.15%

Two cases of localised C. bovis were discovered.

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public-houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs, and, in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

During the year 52 samples of cooked meats, pies, etc. were taken from premises within the district and submitted for examination. In no case was the organisms of salmonella or dysentery found.

The following is a list of foodstuffs of various kinds which were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year:-

10 tins	Peaches	1 tin	Tuna Fish
8 "	Pineapple	6 tins	Fruit juices
4 "	Rice	3 "	Sardines
1 "	Beans	13 Jars	Paste
24 "	Peas	4 tins	Fruit Cocktail
1 "	Marmalade	5 "	Evaporated Milk
11 "	Tomatoes	1 "	Raspberries
2 "	Apricots	1 "	Luncheon Meat
1 "	Condensed Milk	1 "	Strawberries
1 "	Creamed Rice	1 "	Rhubarb
6 "	Pears	4 "	Grapefruit
5 "	Oranges	2 "	Mams
4 "	Soup	224lbs	Beef
4 "	Corned Beef		

### (3) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the manufacture of Ice Cream was two and for the retail sale only 136.

Fifty-eight samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follows:-

Provisional Grade	1	42 Satisfactory
	2	6 Satisfactory
	3	8 Unsatisfactory
	4	2 Unsatisfactory

The unsatisfactory samples were followed up and satisfactory results obtained.

### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Twenty licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

### HOUSE DRAINAGE

Fifteen existing houses were connected to sewers and 3 were drained to cesspools.

Also 288 new houses were connected to sewers and 12 to cesspools.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

### WATER SUPPLY

Two samples of main water were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination, and were satisfactory.

Twenty-one samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination; of these 19 were chemically satisfactory and 10 bacteriologically satisfactory. 2 were chemically unsatisfactory and 11 bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

Twelve samples were taken for bacteriological examination only, of which 3 were satisfactory and 9 unsatisfactory.

One sample was taken for chemical examination only.

Thirty-two existing premises were connected to the water main in the course of 1962.

A total of 18,742 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year. This includes extensions at Walton Pool and Rumbow, Clent, but these were not available for connection during the year. The Gorcott Hill and Portway schemes in Beoley and Woodcote, Dodford were carried out and a start was made on connecting houses thereto.

The other extensions were principally to supply new development in Wythall, Alvechurch and Hagley.

There is still the need to provide main water to the considerable number of houses in the district in urgent need of piped water supply.

### DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

### RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 162 infestations of private houses, 89 business premises and 109 at agricultural premises were successfully treated.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings, but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

The service was fully used and in addition a considerable number of visits were made for survey purposes by the Operative.

Fifty one contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £286.

Frequent inspections of the refuse tips and sewage works were carried out throughout the year and necessary treatments carried out by the Operative.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of the free service, 95 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature, but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANT ACT 1949

No case occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above act, of a person dying within the District.

### RIG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIAL ACT 1951

The premises of one firm are registered for the use of filling material to which this Act applies.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a major problem.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	77	32	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	10	7	-	-
TOTAL	90	41	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	No. of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (7)	
			Referred			
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-	
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-	
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-	
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-	
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-	





